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HONORING GLEN HOLDEN

A celebration to honor Glen Holden for his lifetime of dedication to polo was held at Celebrity Ranch in California on Saturday, May 25th. The event was a resounding success raising over \$100,000 for the Museum of Polo and

Hall of Fame. \$50,000 was gifted by Mike Farah and the many benefactors of the Celebrity Foundation for Children. Glen Holden presented an additional donation check for \$50,000 in support of the Museum.



Above left, Honoree, Glen Holden. Above: Mike Farah and Glen Holden present checks to Museum Directors Brenda Lynn and George DuPont. Left, Glen Holden throws out the ball. (All Celebrity Ranch photos by Michael Munson)

Having served as the United States Ambassador to Jamaica from 1989 – 1993, Ambassador Holden was inducted into the Museum’s Polo Hall of Fame in 2002 recognized as a driving force in the world of polo both on and off the field, in the U.S and Internationally. He has served on the Museum’s Board of Directors since 2010 and is still a dedicated supporter of the Museum and advocate for the sport.

Museum of Polo Executive Director George DuPont threw out the ball for the first match which featured Beverly Hills Polo Club against Hollywood Polo Club and the Honorable Glen Holden threw out the ball for the second game, the American Polo Association team vs. Santa Barbara Polo Club. Glen’s wife Gloria, daughter Geannie and her husband Mike Sheller, and son Jeep Holden were part of a large contingent of family that included their granddaughter and even great-grandchildren who flew in for the occasion.



Above, Glen Holden on a favorite mare Papas Fritas winning the 1993 U.S. Open as patron of this team Gehache, Glen’s initials “GH” in Spanish. (ph David Lominska)



Above, Glen and Gloria Holden enjoying the day with daughter Geannie Holden Sheller and their great grandson Clay pictured with Jeffrey Rewald who, with his lovely wife Zinta Braukis, came down to play representing Santa Barbara.

Above, Alice Zegers with Glen (Jeep) Holden, Jr., Amb. Glen Holden, Jeffrey Rewald and Abe Hernandez.



First game: The Beverly Hills polo team takes on the Hollywood polo team.



Second game: Santa Barbara Polo team duels with the American Polo Association team.



Above left, Winners of first game, Hollywood team. Left to Right, Sue Harris, Amilia Gilroy, Mike Farah, Roxy Keyfauzer and Erin Britten. Above right, Mike Farah with Diana and Kishan Khanna who flew in from Florida to help sponsor and support the event. Below left, Zinta Braukis with the guachos for the Asado. Below right, At the Asado after-party, all the players were awarded beautiful American Polo Association medals and were given a copy of the Museum's gift book – PoloArt the 2018 Season. Left to Right: Jeffery Rewald, Kim Gangnes, little Bella Gangnes, Zinta Braukis, Sue Harris, Sean Cochran, Phillip Ruan, Michael Farah, 3 American Polo Assoc. players, Abe Hernandez, Alice Zegers and Chloe Carabas.

All the players donate their time and resources to play for charitable causes. Our thanks to them and to all the enthusiastic fans who came out to support this event. Hollywood Polo Club – Roxy Kefauzer, Sue Harris, Amilia Gilroy, Eric Britten; Beverly Hills Polo Club – Lindsey Moors, Mariah Mudgett, Kim Gagnes, Zinta Baukis; American Polo Association – Carlos Aguirre Sean Cochran, Philip Ruan; Santa Barbara Polo Club – Jeffrey Rewald, Chloe Carabas, Alice Zegers, Abe Hernandez.





The day of perfect weather and spirited polo at the Celebrity Ranch arena drew a sell-out crowd and veteran box holders pulled out all the stops. The Ladies Hat contest drew a number of enthusiastic contestants with Mike Farah's daughter Chris doing a great job as MC for the contest and interviewing the ladies.



The Season Box Holders support the mission of Celebrity Ranch helping to host 5,000 children a year.

Right, Mike Farah and some of the many children and their families who benefit from the activities provided for them at Celebrity Ranch. A large group was being hosted that weekend and got to see their first polo match.



Left, a happy Glen Holden enjoying his day with great grandchildren Syllas and Abigail.

The Hall of Fame Challenge Cups help raise funds for the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame, the only Museum in the world dedicated to preserving the history and tradition of the sport we all love. Our thanks to the clubs who play this tournament to benefit the Museum.

AIKEN

Midstate Roofing, was the winner of the Museum of Polo Hall of Fame Challenge Cup at Aiken Polo Club. On Sunday, June 9th, the rain wreaked havoc with the final, so the awards ceremony was held on Monday, June 10th. Shown here with their victory medals, l – r: Robyn Leitner, Regan Leitner, Larry Leitner, Hope Arellano and Lucas Arellano. All players in the Museum’s Hall of Fame Challenge Cup Tournaments were awarded a copy of the Museum’s collectible gift book, *Poloart the 2018 Season* by Melinda Brewer. (ph Tiger Kneece, courtesy Aiken Polo Club)



SKANEATELES

On July 7th at Skaneateles Polo Club, the Hall of Fame Challenge Cup victory medals went to John Walsh’s Shamrock team



Above, Megan Okerlund, John Walsh, Hayden Walsh and Francisco Rodriguez with the Hall of Fame Challenge Cup. (ph Janet Scheraga and Museum of Polo)



Left, Below, the teams: Lazy Lane, Shamrock, and Skaneateles. Above, Caitlin Cregg played for Lazy Lane on favorite pony “Rusa.”



SARATOGA

The Saratoga edition of the Museum's Hall of Fame Challenge Cup final was played on Sunday, Jul 14th.

In a fast competitive game the U.S. Polo Assn. team - Gaston Lisioli, Santos Bollini, Anna Palacios and John Snyder (shown left) were awarded the victory medals edging out HL Polo team - Harry Landy, Liam Palacios, Nano Malendez and Pablo Dorignac. (ph Clifford Oliver and Museum of Polo)



Right, John Snyder and Gaston Lisioli.



Right, Jim Rossi, the HL Polo Teams, George DuPont and Brenda Lynn with winning US Polo Assn. team and Mike Bucci. Below right, to kick off the final, the Museum's longest serving officer, Wade Byrd and fiancé Ellen McGarvey were on hand to throw out the first ball, shown here with club owner Jim Rossi.



Right, BPP, Cicatriz played by Anna Winslow Palacios. Below, Spectators enjoyed getting to know the horses. Below right, Longtime Saratoga Polo fan Jeanne Fitzgerald with Brenda Lynn, Ellen McGarvey and Barb Bucci, wife of Saratoga Polo club owner Mike Bucci.



THE MUSEUM OF POLO CELEBRATES THE HISTORY OF THE SILVER CUP AT ASPEN VALLEY POLO CLUB

The 2019 USPA Silver Cup was hosted by Aspen Valley Polo Club, a spectacular venue for polo created by Marc and Melissa Ganzi that is welcoming for all. A little rain and a quick turn to some chilly weather did not deter attendance to witness another great final in polo history as a gritty group of “young guns” led by Grant Ganzi went up against an undefeated Tonkawa team. In the end, Jeff Hildebrand’s Tonkawa emerged with the win, but not without spectacular action from both teams.

Museum Directors George DuPont and Brenda Lynn were there in support of this notable tournament with an exhibit that chronicles the history of the Silver Cup. Introduced in 1900, it is the oldest tournament currently played in the United States, even pre-dating the U.S. Open Championship first played in 1904.



Tonkawa winner of the 2019 USPA Silver Cup. From left, Jeff Hildebrand, Juan Martin Obregon, Sapo Caset and Mason Wroe. (ph Candace Ferreira for Aspen Valley Polo Club)

WE THANK THE GANZI FAMILY AND THE POTAMKIN FAMILY FOR SPONSORING THE TRAVELING OUTREACH EXHIBIT PROGRAM TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDING FOR THE MUSEUM OF POLO.



Above left, Sapo Caset with Grant Ganzi on his nearside. Above right, Runner-up **Casablanca**, Nacho Astrada, Lucas Lalor, Juancito Bollini and Grant Ganzi. (ph Nick Tinenko & Candace Ferreira for Aspen Valley Polo Club)

Below, The magnificent Silver Cup on display. Right, Museum of Polo Executive Director George DuPont with Lindsey Ebersbach of the USPA.



Cheers to Marc and Melissa Ganzi and a wonderful event hosting the Silver Cup. Above, Brenda Lynn, Lindsey Ebersbach, George DuPont and Peter Rizzo.

Billy Busch checking on his Silver Cup wins: William (Billy) Busch is a 6 time winner of the Silver Cup as is his brother and team-mate Andy Busch. Together they dominated the 90s with wins in 1991, '93, '94, '96, '97 and 1998 and were the runner up to Outback in 1995. In the consecutive wins of 1996 - 1998 the Buschs played with Hector Galindo (Hall of Fame 2016). Dale Schwetz, now an announcer for Chukker TV, played on the winning 1994 team. Another side-note, in 1991, Grant's Farm Manor team (Billy, brother Andy, Mike Azzaro and Carlos Gracida) also won the U.S. Open Championship.



Above, Nacho Figueras, Melissa Ganzi and Delfina Blaquier.
(ph Candace Ferreira)



Peter Rizzo giving the history of the Silver Cup at the 2019 Draw.
(ph Candace Ferreira)



Above, Marc Ganzi leads the Silver Cup Draw at the St. Regis in Aspen.
Below, Gussie Busch, Melissa Ganzi, Alejandro Astrada and Salvador Ulloa.
(ph Candace Ferreira)



Above, Stewart and CC Armstrong, and Kris Kampsen.
Below, Marc Ganzi, Hilario Figueras and Nic Roldan.
(ph Candace Ferreira)



Visit the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame to see the Silver Cup on display and learn about its history with our push and play exhibit, just one of many informative exhibits that can be found here.

The Museum is the only one in the world solely dedicated to the sport of Polo. It was founded by a small group of polo players in the US led by Philip Iglehart, who believed the sport would benefit from an effort to preserve its history and tradition.

Currently, the Museum not only houses and displays its own collection of spectacular trophies, artwork, artifacts and educational exhibits, but also is the caretaker of trophies like the U.S. Open trophy owned by the U.S.P.A., the Triple Crown of Polo Trophy owned by Melissa Ganzi and played for by the World



Above left, the Silver Cup and Exhibit panel; at right is the no less spectacular Monty Waterbury Cup, both USPA-owned trophies.

Polo League, and P.T.F. trophies such as the Senior's trophy. The Museum has the most extensive collection of books, movies/videos, and memorabilia anywhere in the world.

In addition to the members of the Hall of Fame, the Museum also recognizes and celebrates the hundreds of clubs, intercollegiate and interscholastic polo, men's, women's and children's participation at all levels of skill, and the horses who've been inducted as "Horses to Remember."



Above, the Triple Crown of Polo trophy, owned by Melissa Ganzi

Shown here (right) is the Copper Cup, one of the trophies owned by the U.S.P.A. The Copper Cup will be played for in Aiken, October 4-20, 2019.

Below, Museum Chairman Marty Cregg and his Skaneateles Team is a 2-time winner and defending champion of the Copper Cup.



Marty Cregg, Costi Caset, Mariano Obregon and Cesar Jimenez winning the USPA Copper Cup in October 2018. (ph Katie Roth)



Above, Painting of 8 time Silver Cup Winner Ray Harrington on Ever Ready, currently part of the Museum Art Exhibit "Partners in Polo". Ever Ready was Harrington's mount for his string of Silver Cup wins in the '60s and was the BPP of the U.S. Open in 1969. Ray Harrington was inducted into the Museum's Polo Hall of Fame in 1993 and Ever Ready was inducted in 2013. Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame Art Collection, Donated by Andy Smith. Painting by Andy's father, Jack Martin Smith.

From the spark in Philip's eye to its current grandeur, the museum has become the premier destination for those interested in learning about the sport and its history. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. and during polo season (Jan - April) on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. The Museum is 100% funded by giving from polo players like you. For further information, call 561 969-3210 or email: polomuseum@att.net or go to our website: www.polomuseum.com. (The Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame is a 501 c 3, non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.) Thank you all for your support. Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/museumofpolo>



Above, The Foundation Polo Challenge Trophy is a Museum-owned trophy. It was created by Tiffany & Co. to celebrate Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club's Centennial in 2011 and was to benefit the American Friends of the Foundation of Prince William and Prince Harry and Polo Training Center Santa Barbara. Donated by: Amb. and Mrs. Glen Holden, Mike and Geannie Sheller, Tiffany & Co., Adam and Michelle Butler, Polo Training Center Santa Barbara.



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THE MUSEUM OF POLO HALL OF FAME AWARDS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2020.

Award Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.



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